

## Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

There is the usual cold comfort for all parties in the returns from Medicine Hat.

Customs officers in New York had a big job on hand lately. They seized 10,000 kid gloves.

A scientist tells us that "metals get tired." Now you know why the gold gave out before it got to you.

There is one advantage in looking for the north pole. In the face of the gravest danger one can always keep cool.

At a spiritualist seance in New York, we are told, a man's arm was lengthened two feet. That's stretching it some.

Anybody who doubts the ability of the American Indian to be as civilized as anybody should observe him in a football game.

That man who is going to cross the ocean in a balloon should pause to consider that the water in the Atlantic is still deep and wet.

The inventive Yankee is still at it. During the last fiscal year the United States patent office received some 68,527 applications for mechanical patents.

Kissing, declares Dr. Napoleon Boston, spreads more disease than flies. We scorn his statement because we don't like his name. Reminds us of Waterloo and Bunker Hill.

A way has been found to make paper out of cornstalks. This will create a pleasant harmony for the man who likes to combine his reading with the pleasures of a corn-cob pipe.

The plan of the proposed Henry Hudson memorial bridge at New York calls for a reinforced concrete span of 710 feet, and represents one of the boldest engineering projects of the time.

The Highways Protection league reports 932 automobile accidents occurred in Great Britain in 1907, killing 215 persons and injuring 675. For these accidents and other motor car offenses 2,270 persons were summoned, of whom 2,046 were convicted.

There are at present on duty in the main thoroughfares of Paris 21 policemen who speak English, nine who speak German, and six who speak Spanish, and their usefulness has been so clearly demonstrated that the prefect of police has decided to add to their number as opportunity may arise.

Brazil has spent \$15,000,000 in the effort to hold up the world's price of coffee by government purchasing and warehousing of the Brazilian production. The theory that a national government can do anything it chooses in commerce occasionally gets a very rude jolt.

It is not surprising that Kaiser Wilhelm should invent an air-brake. He has done many things wisely, if not too well, and as he begins to slide down the years, turning inventor of a motor brake is a becoming climax to his other accomplishments. Whether it is a truly practical stopper remains to be proved.

According to the Scientific American the fact that our macadamized roads don't wear as well as those in Europe is because we don't apply the theory of the stich in time. European highway departments watch the roads and mend them wherever and whenever they need it without allowing the damage to become important.

Now a medical expert comes forward to assert that the French heel, considered one of the greatest outrages inflicted by feminine vanity upon suffering nature, is not only proper, but highly desirable. Still, feminine vanity will not make so much of this practical vindication, as, in any event, it would have kept on wearing the French heel.

Felicitations to the cranks! Ambassador Bryce's tribute to them as not infrequently the first pioneers of great causes, is distinguished appreciation. It is scarcely so enthusiastic, however, as Dr. Holmes' earlier observation that there never was an idea started that woke up men out of their stupid indifference but its originator was spoken of as a crank.

Horace E. Bixby, 82 years of age, still at the wheel after 60 years as a Mississippi river pilot, enjoys the distinction of having taught Mark Twain the art of navigation on the "Father of Waters." He says Mark Twain became a good pilot, having but one fault—the excessive use of tobacco. Capt. Bixby is still hale and hearty and enjoys telling of the various episodes of his eventful career upon the river.

During the five years preceding 1904-05 the total acreage annually under indigo cultivation in India was 755,000. In 1905-06 this area had decreased to 330,400 acres, or a falling off of a little less than 44 per cent.

The Mecca railroad is being constructed rapidly, solidly and methodically. Foreigners are employed in positions of leadership and management. By imperial order it is now proposed to complete the line from Medina to Mecca, a distance of 280 miles, before the next pilgrimage.

It is a good sign when in the non secular columns the president urges upon the students a proper observance of Sunday, as did the president of Cornell university at the opening of the college year, remarks Youth's Companion. In protesting against the discussion on that day of athletic and social matters pertaining to the college, he said: "The observance of Sunday is the temporal sign that man belongs not only to time, but to eternity. I earnestly hope that Sunday may be observed as a day of physical rest and spiritual meditation."



## TOGA FOR CUMMINS

IOWA GOVERNOR ELECTED U. S. SENATOR.

### EVENT MARKS DAWN OF PEACE

Standpatters Welcome Result as an Opportunity to Bury Political Hatchet.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Governor Albert B. Cummins Tuesday was elected a member of the United States senate at a special session of the state legislature which convened at noon to name a successor to the late Senator William B. Allison.

Cummins won the nomination for senator at the special primary held in conjunction with the recent election. He won over his opponent, Lacey, by 42,647, according to official figures.

The selection of Cummins, politicians predict, will end a long and bitter war in Republican politics in Iowa. Cummins has been a candidate for the senate for fourteen years. During that time he has been bitterly opposed by the opposition of this faction which has been able to control the legislature and defeat him for senator, he has been elected governor.

It is declared that the standpatters will accept the election as a chance to bury the hatchet.

### Cracksmen Take \$5,500.

Sedalia, Mo.—The bank of Sweet Springs, at Sweet Springs, Saline county, Missouri, was robbed of \$5,500 in currency at 3 o'clock Sunday morning by professional cracksmen, who blew open the vault with dynamite. The bank building was wrecked. Three men supposed to be the robbers were seen going east about noon after the noise of the explosion aroused the town.

### Pitcher Acquitted of Killing Batter.

Pottsville, Pa.—Albert Wychunis, a youthful baseball pitcher who killed a companion, Joseph Reed, in a game at William Penn, was acquitted of murder by the grand jury. Wychunis pitched a swift curve ball while Reed was at bat, which struck him over the heart and he fell dead. Wychunis is 15 years old and his victim was 9.

Admitting that American war vessels are not the equal of the last war vessels built by foreign nations, Admiral Robley D. Evans, in a letter to the United States Naval Academy Alumni of the West, which was banqueted at Chicago Monday night, went on to say in answer to many critics of the United States navy, that it was generally the equal of any afloat.

### Natives Kill Police Chief.

Calcutta.—Advices received by the government Tuesday state the European police chief at Lyallpur was assassinated during the night by native anarchists. An attempt was also made on the life of the British mayor, but this failed. No details have been received and it is not known if the anarchists were arrested.

### Insurance Agent Indicted.

Alto Pass, Illinois.—Ell M. Mull of Cobden has been indicted by the present grand jury on a forgery charge. Mull's wife and three children have not heard from him since he left Cobden several weeks ago after having disposed of the indictment says, of notes which netted him about \$500, to which it is charged, were forged the names of Peter Sifford and other farmers.

### Congressman's Father Dies.

Valparaiso, Ind.—Theophilus Crumpacker, father of Congressman Edgar D. Crumpacker, died suddenly at his home here. He was 86 years old. He served in the state legislature three terms, from 1872 to 1878.

### Arm Cut Off to Get Cancer.

Wichita, Kan.—Ray Seger was operated on for cancer of the shoulder at the Wichita Hospital. The left arm and shoulder had to be taken off and a section of the flesh and the collar bone were also cut out.

### J. P. Morgan Buys \$75,000 Rug.

New York.—J. Pierpont Morgan has paid approximately \$75,000 for a rare Chinese rug, according to the announcement made by J. S. Koshishyan a broker connected with the house of Costikyan & Co., rug importers.

### Aeroplane Race Next Summer.

Paris.—It is announced that the proposed aeroplane race between Paris and Bordeaux will be held next summer, probably in July. Five halts to renew supplies of gasoline, etc., will be permitted.

## TORNADO IN MISSOURI.

Seven Are Injured, One Fatally by Storm in Christian County.

Springfield, Mo.—A tornado swept through the farming section near Sparta, Christian county, twenty five miles south of here Wednesday, destroying fourteen houses, injuring seven persons and fatally wounding a three-year-old child.

The wind attained a velocity of seventy miles an hour.

Trees were uprooted, fences blown down and telephone and telegraph service paralyzed. Owing to the fact that the storm occurred soon after daybreak, there was no loss of life.

The path of the tornado was 150 rods wide and extended eight miles. The three-year-old son of Thomas Braden was blown against a red hot stove, when the Braden home was demolished, and fatally burned. Mrs. Braden and two other members of the family were seriously hurt. The houses of James Preston, John McCafferty, Mart Beaman, and George Hall, and John Carter were totally destroyed and Mrs. Carter severely injured.

### Negroes Accused of Murder.

Birmingham, Ala.—Sheriff Schwin has captured three negroes accused of the murder of former Sheriff R. W. Drake, near Laneville, Ala. last Tuesday night and had them in jail here. One has confessed and implicated the other two. Steps have been taken to call a special term of court to try the negroes because feeling is running high. It is not believed there will be any violence.

### Rejoicing at Manila.

Manila, P. I.—There was scenes of rejoicing in Manila Wednesday when 100 men from the Atlantic battleship fleet were permitted to land and came ashore for the first time since the arrival of the fleet. Reception committees greeted the sailors at Cavite, school children sang at the landings and artillery boomed forth salutes as the men stepped ashore.

### Cotton-Plant Burns.

Fort Smith, Ark.—The plant of the Fort Smith Cotton Oil company was partially destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The loss including ten freight cars and four houses burned is \$75,000. The mill is one of the Henson group, with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn.

### Indicted for Primary Frauds.

Chicago, Ill.—Eleven indictments against the same number of individuals were returned Wednesday by the special grand jury investigating charges of fraud in the primary election of August 8. The names of those indicted were suppressed until caplans can be served, but it is said two prominent politicians were among those named.

### Bulldog Kills Horse.

Evansville, Ind.—A large bulldog belonging to Benjamin Desom of this city, attacked and killed his horse Wednesday. The dog was always kept chained, as he had formed a dislike for the horses. He broke his chain Wednesday and running straightway to the stable, literally tore the animal to pieces.

### Stroke-Or Arrested.

Syracuse, N. Y.—James A. Teneyck, stroke of Syracuse university soccer crew, was arrested here Wednesday for the Chicago police. He is charged with being a party to a pool game by which Christ Hansen was fleeced out of \$1,350.

### Woman Hurt Jumping in Hotel Fire.

Houston, Tex.—Gasoline exploding in a room in the Boyle Hotel set fire to the building and resulted in the serious injury of several guests. Mrs. F. D. Burke jumped from a second-story window to the ground, sustaining injuries believed to be fatal.

### Agreement Satisfactory Everywhere.

Cologne.—The Kölnische Zeitung prints an inspired Berlin dispatch, in which it is stated that the American-Japanese agreement will be received with satisfaction everywhere.

### Fifty Night Riders Indicted.

Baltimore.—Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney general of the United States, personal and political friend of President Roosevelt and political reformer, was sued for an electric lighting bill in the court of common pleas.

### Oldest Delaware Is Dead.

Muskegon, Okla.—Mrs. Maudie Wahoney, the oldest of the Delaware Indians, is dead and her remains have been laid to rest in Coon creek cemetery, near Dewey. She was 109 years old.

## WILL ASK \$500,000

SECRETARY WILSON TO COMBAT FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

### SITUATION REGARDED AS SERIOUS

Authorities Fear Disease Which Is Now in Four States Will Become General Epidemic.

Washington, D. C.—So serious is the situation regarded by Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture that he will ask for an emergency appropriation of \$500,000 for immediate use in combating the foot and mouth disease which is now known definitely to exist among cattle in Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan and Maryland.

Dr. S. E. Bennett, chief of the government inspection service at Chicago, Friday diagnosed the disease in a bunch of cattle at Linesboro, Md., as the foot and mouth disease, and Secretary Wilson will return to Washington from Detroit Saturday for a conference with Maryland state officials as to precautionary measures. It is altogether probable that England will quarantine against the port of Baltimore.

The disease threatens to become generally epidemic, and government officials are convinced that it will develop in other states, notwithstanding favorable reports from state officials. The federal authorities are taking no chances, but are pursuing the same methods they did in 1902 and 1903, when the disease broke out and caused great loss in four states of New England.

The disease is now officially known to exist in only four states, but the authorities believe it will develop in New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio and Indiana in the next few days.

### WRITER SHOTS HIMSELF.

Mrs. Cowper Had Written Friend of Planned Suicide at St. Regis.

New York, N. Y.—Mrs. B. M. Cowper, a writer of some note and a guest at the St. Regis, Friday put a bullet into her head in her room there and lay on her bed for several hours until a friend, whom she had notified of her intention, rushed to the hotel and notified the management of what had happened. She was dying when the management broke open the door.

An old friend who formerly lived in Middletown, N. Y., her own home, to whom she had written a letter telling him that she was about to put an end to her life, jumped out of a cab and ran up to the clerk's desk in the hotel, gasping that Mrs. Cowper had already or was about to shoot herself.

### EIGHT-HOUR LAW HELD INVALID.

Men Who Wish to Work Longer Have Right, Court Says.

Tulsa, Oklahoma.—Oklahoma's eight-hour law is believed to have received a knockout blow through the decision of a local court Friday. In a test suit, brought by local union labor officials, the New State Paying Co., which has a large contract for paving here, was acquitted of law violation.

In defense the company showed that its men were anxious to work more than eight hours and the contention was upheld. The laboring men say if this view of the law is upheld it will be rendered worthless.

### GUNBOAT OFF TO SHANGHAI.

Navy Department Doesn't Know Why Warships Are Needed.

Manila.—Consul-General Denby at Shanghai has requested Rear Admiral Harbor to send gunboats to Shanghai to protect American interests. The Helena will leave Friday. Advances from Washington early Friday said that no word had been received at the navy department concerning such a request by Mr. Denby, but that Rear Admiral Harbor could proceed on his own authority and not necessarily advise the department.

### Maryland Is Quarantined.

Washington, D. C.—The agricultural department issued an order quarantining the entire state of Maryland on account of the foot and mouth disease. Secretary Wilson made this announcement at the White House Friday as he was leaving the cabinet meeting. He stated that the only cases so far known in the state were in Carroll county.

### Hunter Loses Half of Brain.

Sayre, Pa.—While gunning two years ago Guy Morrison's gun burst, wounding his head so that in the four months that he was in the hospital in a delirium the left lobe of his brain gradually drained out. Then he became a normal man again. Friday while gunning his gun caught on a twig and blew out the rest of his brain, death being instantaneous.

### Three Boys Frozen to Death.

Ventura, Cal.—Frozen to death in the snow that covered the high peaks north of the Santa Clara Valley the bodies of three Santa Paula boys, sons of well-known ranchers, were found after a search of two days.

### Arkansas River Rising.

Tulsa, Okla.—As the result of a heavy rain which has fallen thirty-six hours, the Arkansas river, for the third time this year, is on the rise. Railroads are guarding against washouts.

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## GAS EXPLOSION KILLS 135 MEN

MODEL PENNSYLVANIA COLLIERY IS WRECKED, ENTOMBING ALL WORKMEN IN THE MINE.

### CAUSE OF DISASTER UNKNOWN

Rescuers Force Way Through Debris and Find Bodies Scattered About Roadway—One Miner Is Taken Out Alive.

### MINE CATASTROPHES IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	Place.	Dead.
1894—	Albion, South Wales.	280
1902—	Fraterville, Tenn.	200
1902—	Rolling Mill, Pa.	103
1903—	Hanna, Wyo.	175
1904—	Tercio, Cal.	21
1905—	Virginia City, Ala.	152
1905—	Ziegler, Ill.	35
1905—	Coal mine, Prussia.	55
1905—	Kurtsisk, Russia.	300
1905—	Welsh coal mine.	120
1905—	Wilcox, W. Va.	35
1906—	Calais, France.	1060
1906—	Japan.	250
1906—	Westfork, Va.	75
1907—	Fayetteville, W. Va.	80
1907—	Saabruck, Russia.	200
1907—	Mexico.	123
1907—	Forbach, Germany.	75
1907—	Tokyo, Japan.	470
1907—	Tsing Tau, China.	112
1907—	Monongahela, Pa.	398
1907—	Yolande, Ala.	81
1908—	Hanna, Wyo.	120
1908—	McAlester, Ok.	30
1908—	Hamm, Germany.	339
1908—	Marianna, Pa.	125

Pittsburg, Pa.—The model mine of the world has proven a failure and probably 140 men are dead beneath its wreckage as the result of an explosion. Officials of the Pittsburg-Buffalo company which owns the mine say there are only 135 men in the mine but workmen who have come from down in the works, declare there are at least 200 dead bodies down in the bottom of the pit. The mine was inspected less than an hour before the explosion.

The slight hope that some of the entombed miners will be rescued alive was strengthened when an American miner was brought to the surface, suffering only a little from his terrible experience. One of the rescuing party reported that there were other men alive below and then rescuers were set to work clearing away the debris. From the condition of the workings where the survivor was discovered, Deputy State Mine Inspector Henry Loutitt believes that 20 others may be saved.

There is no telling who the victims are. The majority of them are English-speaking men. Some of them are Polish and Slavish. Until the bodies are brought out the company will permit no names to be given out.

Unlike other mine explosions in the Pittsburg district, this one did not occur away under some high hill where the bodies were hidden from sight for days. The Marianna mines all of them are just in course of construction, and all that has been done was the driving of the entries.

This was pay day and the men were to have been through work at noon. They were busy driving entries and none of them were more than 400 feet from the mouth of the shaft. This would have made the work of rescue comparatively easy had it not been for the terribly destructive force of the explosion.

Ten of the bodies were recovered in the main entry and at the foot of the shaft, awaiting the temporary cage to bring them to the surface.

Others were lying in the 29 rooms or workings of the mine, entrance to which is still blocked by debris.

The first rescuing party worked its way through the wreckage at the foot of the shaft and almost immediately found the ten bodies.

### "Jolly George, Fat Boy" Dies.

Mansfield, O.—George J. Stitt, 49 years old, died here. His weight was 500 pounds, and he measured eighty inches about the waist. A special coffin was made in which to ship the body to Pittsburg. Stitt was known and exhibited about the country as "Jolly George, the Fat Boy."

### Russian Train Robbers Get \$125,000.

Troitskosavsk, Russia.—A local mail train was attacked by a band of robbers, while running between Kiakta and Urga. The thieves got away with \$125,000. Three of the train escorts were killed and one was severely wounded.

### Bank Cashier Sentenced.

Pittsburg.—William Montgomery, former cashier of the Allegheny National Bank, which failed for over \$1,000,000 some time ago, was sentenced to serve fifteen years in the Western Pennsylvania penitentiary by Judge James S. Young, of the United States court.

### Woman Serves as Mayor.

London.—England's first lady mayor "in her own right" is to be Miss M. J. Dove, and the town over which she is to rule is High Wycombe.

### 60,000,000 Foot Gasser In.

Pawhuska, Okla.—Just outside this city, in Osage county, one of the greatest gas wells ever discovered in the United States has been struck. The well is said to have a daily capacity of 60,000,000 cubic feet, the equivalent in heat units of 6,000 tons of coal a day.

### Indiana Woman Shoots Self.

Peru, Ind.—Mrs. George Bowman, aged 49 years, was found dead in a barn with a bullet in her brain. The cause of the suicide is unknown.

## MISSOURI NEWS

### ERROR FOUND IN COUNT

Amendment Fixing Payment of Legislators Loss by Revision.

Jefferson City.—A clerical error in the office of the secretary of state was discovered Wednesday night, and amendment 1, fixing the pay of legislators at \$750, which was reported carried, is found to have been lost. The vote of Jackson county gave the "yes" 16,199. The clerk read it 66,199, passing the bill by nearly 20,000 votes.

The mistake is explained through the fact that the figures were poorly written and, in the excitement of the office, resulting from the close race between the Democrat and Republican candidates for lieutenant-governor, the error was made. The amendment is defeated by 29,087 votes.

The only amendments adopted were Nos. 2 and 3. The former is the initiative and referendum, with 15,590 majority, and the latter empowers the levy of an additional tax for road and bridge improvement purposes of 25 cents on the \$100 valuation, by 35,868 majority.

### BANDITS DEFY A TOWN.

Gang Gets Away With Big Sum Taken From Bank at Sweet Springs.

Sweet Springs.—A posse is still scouring the woods in search of the five bandits who broke into the bank of Sweet Springs, held the citizens at bay for almost an hour, and left with a booty of almost \$5,000 Sunday morning.

The yeggmen secured their tools from a Missouri Pacific water tank toolhouse, the section house and the Fisher Implement company. It required four charges to wreck the safe, a piece of it being blown through a front window for a distance of 100 feet. The bandits overlooked \$300 of \$5,000 that was in the safe.

When citizens were awakened, robbers on guard fired enough shots to intimidate them. As they left town they fired several volleys, and it was a good twenty minutes before the pursuit was taken up.

### WOMEN SURVIVE DUEL.

Daughter of One Knife Wielder Witness of Sensational Encounter.

Gainsville.—The women duellists who fought in a clearing to wipe out a grudge, and seriously injured one another with knives, have been released on bond. Charges of assault with intent to kill have been placed against them.

The duel, which was prearranged, was witnessed by Mrs. Frank Graham's daughter, and she reported to her father that her mother had been murdered. Mrs. Graham suffered severe cuts on the shoulder and hand. The opponent, Mrs. James Crabtree, was cut about the hands, face and breast. They are sisters-in-law.

### Ask Prohibition Election.

Jefferson City.—The question of a prohibition amendment to the constitution, providing for a state-wide prohibition of the manufacture or sale of intoxicants within the state, is to be brought before the ensuing session of the general assembly.

A resolution to that effect, asking that the voters of the state be permitted to express themselves thereon at the polls, is to be introduced in the senate. It will be offered by Senator Peck of the First district, who is seemingly not dismayed by his failure to get such a resolution through the last session. The senator, at that time, did not even succeed in getting his resolution to a vote.

### Folk Makes Appointments.

Jefferson City.—Governor Polk announces the following appointments: J. B. Cole, of Columbia, a member of the state board of Osteopathy for a period of five years from May 1, 1908. David Husted, of Gorin, coal oil inspector for Scotland county, for a period of two years from August 23, 1908.

### Woman Stole Toys; not Prosecuted.

St. Louis.—A widow, who stole five Teddy bears for her children's Christmas, was released by the police of the Carr street station because the firm that caused her arrest refused to prosecute her. The woman was employed by the company, and when the members heard her pathetic story they told the police to drop the suit.

### Fall Kills Contractor.

St. Joseph.—Robert Garlich, aged 51 years, a brick contractor, while superintending work at the new Wheeler Matter warehouse, Seventh and Sylva streets, stepped on a loose board on the third floor, fell to the basement and was killed. He leaves a wife and six children.

### PHELPS COUNTY JURIST DIES.

Body of Late Judge Geo. W. Smith Was Buried at Rolla.

Rolla.—Judge Geo. W. Smith, judge of the county court for the eastern district of Phelps county, Mo., died at his home in St. James. The body was brought to Rolla Wednesday afternoon and interred in the Rolla cemetery, according to the ritual of the Red Men's lodge, of which he was a member.

### Pray for Tariff in Ore District.

Joplin.—Prayers that congress will be moved, in the proposed revision of the tariff, to increase the duty on zinc ore, were offered in Thanksgiving petitions by ministers of all the churches here and in 25 towns in Jasper county, and throughout the Kansas-Missouri mining district. Rev. Dean C. Button of Webb City suggested that the subject be made a matter of prayer at Thanksgiving services throughout the mining region and his idea was interred.

The development of petroleum in Roumania is rapidly increasing. The Montreux de Petrole Roumain states that the production of crude oil in 1907 amounted to 1,130,000 tons, as compared with \$87,991 in 1906, and 180,000 in 1898.

A device which forces water down to the roots of plants is